

## *NOTICE*

### ***BACKGROUND:***

The Hazardous, Toxic, and Radioactive Waste (HTRW) risk assessments are performed by USACE on behalf of Federal entities/agencies, pursuant to CERCLA/RCRA, under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP), Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), and Work for Others Programs. The overall objective of this handbook is to provide USACE HTRW managers and technical proponents with the recommended basic/minimum requirements for planning, evaluating, and conducting risk assessments, consistent with USACE principles of "good science" and in defining expected quality and goals of the overall Program. The resulting risk assessment should be scientifically sound, defensible, and site-specific for use by site managers or agencies in making site decisions.

### ***STATUTES:***

CERCLA, Section 120 (Federal Facilities) and Section 121 (Response Actions); RCRA Section 3004(u)(Technical Requirements for Corrective Action), 3005(c)(Permitting and Omnibus provision), 3008 (h)(Corrective Action Orders), and Section 6001 (Federal Facilities).

### ***REGULATIONS:***

40 CFR 300.430 (d), 40 CFR 300.430 (e), 40 CFR 264 Subpart S, and 40 CFR 270.32(b)(2)

### ***AUTHORITY:***

Executive Order 12580, CERCLA Sections 104 and 115 delegate President's authority for response action to the lead agency (DoD and other Federal agencies) which are also the Natural Resource Trustees having jurisdiction, custody, and control over their lands. Within the definition of a Natural Resource Trustee, DoD is authorized under CERCLA Section 211 to be the lead agency for CERCLA or the National Priority List (NPL) sites at current or former DoD facilities and to implement the Defense Environmental Restoration Program.

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### ***FUTURE REVISIONS:***

This handbook will be reviewed on an annual basis for revisions, and updates issued accordingly.